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Synopsis 2006

To Members of the Committee on Culture, Science and Education

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of the meeting held in Baku (Azerbaijan) on 29 and 30 November 2006

The **Sub-Committee on the Media of the Committee on Culture, Science and Education** meeting in Baku, Azerbaijan, on 29-30 November 2006 with Mr Robert Walter and, subsequently, Mr Andrew McIntosh in the chair:

- held a seminar on “media freedom and ethics: a European dimension in the professional education and training of journalists” organised under a Joint EU–Council of Europe Programme together with the Directorate General II - Human Rights of the Council of Europe, the Parliament of Azerbaijan and the Azerbaijan University of Languages in Baku in the context of a report being prepared by Mr. Rafael Huseynov (Azerbaijan, ALDE);
- held an exchange of views with the Speaker of the Parliament of Azerbaijan, Mr Ogtay S. Asadov, on the media situation in Azerbaijan;
- decided to collect information about the recent eviction of the Azadlig newspaper from its premises in Baku and the decision not to renew the licence of the ANS Television in Azerbaijan, and to report back to the Committee on Culture, Science and Education at its meeting on 8 December 2006;
- decided to hold its next meeting on the occasion of the first part-session of the Assembly in January 2007

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